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DAILY BRIEF

I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

USSR-Turkey: Moscow is attempting to capitalize on Turkey's economic plight in an effort to improve relations and possibly to strengthen any elements in the provisional government which favor a policy of neutralism. Khrushchev sent a letter on 2 July to General Gursel offering economic aid, according to Foreign Minister Sarper, who pleaded with Ambassador Warren that the US do all it can to help expedite the release of counterpart funds and give some indication of the level of next year's assistance. Sarper said the government would like to reject the offer but claimed there is "heavy pressure" from Moscow to accept. In June, Ankara turned down a Soviet offer of funds, industrial plants, and technical assistance.

II. ASIA-AFRICA

OK Cyprus: The last obstacle preventing Cypriot independence in August appears to have been removed with an agreement between Archbishop Makarios and Turkish Cypriot leader Kuchuk resolving a dispute over the composition of the future Cypriot civil service. This followed the announcement on 1 July that "full agreement" had been reached between British and Cypriot negotiators on all outstanding issues. Within the Turkish Cypriot

community, however, there are indications of growing dissatisfaction among more militant members with Kuchuk's moderate leadership. Among the Greek Cypriots, the large Communist-led party can be expected to increase agitation for eventual removal of the British military bases on the island. [REDACTED]

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OK Ghana - Communist China: The announcement, in a joint communique released on 5 July, that Ghana and Communist China will exchange ambassadors appears to have been deliberately timed to coincide with the inauguration of Ghana's new republican constitution. Nkrumah's regime has maintained since Ghana became independent in 1957 that it "inherited" Britain's recognition of Communist China; it is believed to have decided some time ago to establish formal relations with Peiping at an opportune time. The Chinese probably believe the diplomatic exchange will encourage other emergent African republics to follow suit and may have chosen to press the matter with Accra now in hopes of influencing the Congo, which is uncommitted to either China. Peiping, which is in active competition with Taipei for recognition in tropical Africa, already has an embassy in Guinea. [REDACTED]

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Khrushchev Again Offers Economic Aid to Turkey

[The USSR is attempting to take advantage of Ankara's current economic plight to promote friendly relations with the provisional Turkish government and possibly to strengthen the hand of any elements in the new regime which are inclined toward a policy of neutralism. On 2 July Soviet Ambassador Ryzhov delivered a letter from Khrushchev to General Gursel offering economic aid, according to Foreign Minister Sarper, who talked with Ambassador Warren the same day.]

[The offer--described by Sarper as "you say how much"--probably repeats in large part an offer made by Ryzhov in mid-June to provide Turkey with funds, technical assistance, and industrial plants. Gursel rejected this overture, as he did an invitation in an earlier letter from Khrushchev urging Gursel to carry out the exchange of visits which had been agreed to by Menderes prior to the coup.]

[Sarper told Ambassador Warren that the Turkish Government--including the Committee of National Unity, General Gursel, and the cabinet--wished to refuse Khrushchev's latest overture as it had the earlier one, but claimed that there is "heavy pressure" from Moscow to accept and that Ankara's financial situation is "desperate." Sarper noted that he disliked discussing American assistance in the context of Moscow's overture, but pleaded that it is imperative that the "United States do as much as possible as quickly as possible." He also detailed a number of measures ordered by the Turkish Government which will conserve foreign exchange.]

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